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From: on behalf of Marion Danforth
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To: PSC_Contact
Subject: [External] Comments for Docket 2019-224-E and 2019-225-E Reject Duke's IRPs

Dear South Carolina PSC,

I'm writing to ask that you reject Duke Energy's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in our state.

I value a commitment and forward moving plan for clean energy because it is essential for the health and well-being of citizens, the environment on which we are interdependent and the related economic advantages to all citizens, not just a few.

The IRP prevents us from moving toward 100% renewable energy by 2050, lacks funding for economic justice and frontline communities, and, bafflingly, re-commits us to coal, citing a lack of clean energy technology. We know this isn't true; in fact, it's now well established that solar is not only the cleanest, but also the most cost-effective energy choice.

A recent study from Energy Innovations showed that the Carolinas could boost renewable energy to 66% in North Carolina and 57% in South Carolina by 2035, all while decreasing costs to ratepayers. On the other hand, analysis by Energy Transition Institute found that climate commitments and climate impacts would render \$4.8 billion in fossil fuel plant investments unusable, or \$900 per Carolina customer in today's dollars. We cannot afford these ill-conceived plans.

Despite the strong case for solar and other clean energy resources, Duke is choosing to invest in soon-to-be stranded assets, putting profit above the people and our planet. Carolinians are ready to invest in clean energy, which creates good, clean energy jobs, a stronger economy, a safer community, and a healthier planet. That is the direction we need to move in, and I want our energy provider to know it.

Carolinians look to the commission for clarion leadership toward clean energy now more than ever. Please reject Duke's IRP in favor of a plan that puts clean energy and climate justice at the forefront.

Sincerely,
 Marion Danforth

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